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Free workshop for Port Susan shoreline landowners concerned about erosion

STANWOOD — Snohomish County and Camano Island residents who want to learn how they can protect and maintain their shoreline property in Port Susan are invited to attend a free workshop from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 28 at the Stanwood Senior Center.

The event, hosted by the <u>Snohomish County Marine Resources Committee</u> and the <u>Northwest Straits Foundation</u>, will feature a presentation by Jim Johannessen, a coastal processes expert, as well as an educational beach walk. Please bring clothing appropriate to the weather and sturdy shoes for the beach walk.

Workshop topics include how to manage beach and bluff erosion, enhancing beach access, and native vegetation for slope stability and habitat. Participants also will receive information on free site visits by a private, shoreline management professional to learn how to protect their property.

The Stanwood Senior Center is located at 7430 276th St NW, Stanwood 98292. Register online, http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Snoho1, or contact Heidi Lehman at 360-733-1725 or via email at lehman@nwstraits.org.

For more information about the event contact Kathleen Herrmann of the Snohomish County Marine Resources Committee at 425-388-6414 or Lisa Kaufman of Northwest Straits Foundation at 360-733-1725.

About Snohomish County Marine Resources Committee

The Snohomish County Marine Resources Advisory Committee (MRC) is a citizen-based volunteer committee appointed by the Snohomish County Council. It is one of seven county-based MRC's, which conduct restoration, conservation, and education projects with diverse partners and community members to meet performance benchmarks. For more information, visit www.snocomrc.org.

About Northwest Straits Foundation

The Northwest Straits Foundation is a non-profit organization established to support the scientific, restoration, and education projects and programs of the Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative. The Foundation's mission is to protect and restore the marine resources of the Northwest Straits by supporting research, monitoring, restoration, stewardship, conservation and education programs and projects both at the local and regional level.

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